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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO
DECEMBER 10, 2001 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Communication is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement issued December 10, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 10, 2001 Restriction Requirement is due January 10, 2002. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

Claims 1-4, 8-23, 29, 55, 56 and 131-133 are pending in the subject application. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions as follows:

- I. Claims 1-4, 8-23, and 132, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide capable of binding to a p75^{NTR} receptor, vectors, host cells, and a method of producing the polypeptide;